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H.B. No. 273

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 273:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the content of local and state propositions on the  
ballot.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 52.095, Election Code, is amended to  
read as follows:

Sec. 52.095. PROPOSITIONS. (a) Except as otherwise  
provided by law, the authority ordering an election in which more  
than one measure is to be voted on shall determine the order in  
which the propositions are to appear on the ballot and identify them  
as follows:

(1) except as provided by Subdivision (2), for each  
proposition on the ballot, the authority ordering the election  
shall assign a letter of the alphabet to the measure that  
corresponds to its order on the ballot; and

(2) for each proposition on the ballot to be voted on  
statewide, the authority ordering the election shall assign a  
number to the measure that corresponds to its order on the ballot.

(b) Each proposition on the ballot must identify the name of  
the authority ordering the election on the measure.

(c) The secretary of state shall prescribe procedures  
necessary to implement this section.

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 274, Election Code, is  
amended by adding Section 274.004 to read as follows:

1       Sec. 274.004. PROPOSITION BALLOT ORDER. A proposed  
2 constitutional amendment must be placed on the ballot before all  
3 other propositions.

4       SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.